

HOUSE BILL No. 1381

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-20-42.

Synopsis: Student services providers needs assessment. Requires the department of education to contract with an independent assessor to conduct a statewide needs assessment that collects data concerning: (1) the status of the student services provider workforce; and (2) the relevant roles and functions being performed by student services providers; in public elementary, middle, and high schools in Indiana, including charter schools. Requires the assessor to report the assessor's findings before December 31, 2017.

Effective: July 1, 2016.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-20-42 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2016]:

4 **Chapter 42. Student Services Providers Needs Assessment**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "assessor" refers to a person who**
6 **enters into a contract to conduct the student services providers**
7 **needs assessment under this chapter.**

8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "credential" means a**
9 **professional certificate or license issued to an individual by an**
10 **agency of Indiana.**

11 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "educational and career**
12 **services" means services that assist students in identifying realistic**
13 **and challenging futures and provide support services to help in**
14 **realizing those futures.**

15 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "health services" means**
16 **programs and services that promote and protect the health, safety,**
17 **and well-being of students to ensure a healthy environment that**



nurtures academic growth.

Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "student assistance services" means services that prevent or alleviate problems that interfere with student learning.

Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "student services" means:

- (1) educational and career services;
- (2) student assistance services; and
- (3) health services.

Sec. 7. As used in this chapter, "student services provider" means an individual who:

- (1) provides educational and career services, student assistance services, or health services; and
- (2) holds credentials in the area of:
 - (A) school counseling for educational and career services;
 - (B) school counseling, school psychology, or school social work (master's level) for student assistance services; or
 - (C) registered nursing for health services.

Sec. 8. (a) The department shall enter into a contract with an independent assessor to conduct a statewide needs assessment that collects data concerning:

- (1) the status of the student services provider workforce;
- (2) the relevant roles and functions being performed by student services providers;
- (3) the percentages of time spent by student services providers in addressing various student needs;
- (4) the level of unmet student needs; and
- (5) the recommended ratios of student services providers within school workforces as determined by national student services professional associations;

in public elementary, middle, and high schools in Indiana, including charter schools.

(b) In developing and conducting the needs assessment under subsection (a), the assessor shall work in collaboration with the department, the division of mental health and addiction, and the state department of health. The assessor shall consult with professional organizations representing superintendents, principals, teachers, school counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, and mental health advocates.

Sec. 9. The assessor shall collect data concerning student services provider staffing ratios and the implementation of related student assistance services across Indiana, focusing on the behavioral health needs of students and best practices, including



the examination of the following variables:

- (1) The number of credentialed school social workers, school counselors, and school psychologists to the number of students served.
- (2) The number of buildings each school services provider serves each week.
- (3) The titles given to student services providers within a school community.
- (4) The professional degrees and types of credentials held by all staff members providing student services activities within a school community.
- (5) The identification of other school-employed student support services a school uses that are outside the professional scope of credentialed school social workers, school counselors, and school psychologists.
- (6) The identification of external community based services a school uses to address student behavioral and mental health needs in the school.
- (7) The roles and functions performed by credentialed student services providers in a school.
- (8) The contractual classifications of student services providers employed by a school.
- (9) The titles of staff members who are responsible for educational and career services.
- (10) The level of unmet needs for student behavioral and mental health services in the school.
- (11) The estimated percentage of time each student services provider in the school spends on each responsibility set forth under subdivision (13).
- (12) The recommended percentage of time each student services provider in the school should spend on each responsibility set forth under subdivision (13), according to the student services providers and administrators.
- (13) The titles of staff members who are responsible for student assistance services, including the following:
 - (A) Crisis planning and interventions.
 - (B) Mental health needs.
 - (C) Behavioral health needs.
 - (D) Substance abuse.
 - (E) Truancy and attendance.
 - (F) Providing a continuum of care with outside behavioral health providers.



- 1 (G) Establishing and maintaining systems of care
- 2 integration.
- 3 (H) Social and emotional learning.
- 4 (I) Staff training to address social and emotional learning.
- 5 (J) Classroom management support.
- 6 (K) System-wide positive behavioral intervention and
- 7 support.
- 8 (L) Coordinating McKinney-Vento homeless education
- 9 services.
- 10 (M) Special education assessment and supplemental
- 11 services.
- 12 (N) Discipline.
- 13 (O) Response to intervention assessments and service
- 14 implementation.
- 15 (P) Parent and family partnerships.
- 16 **Sec. 10. The assessor shall compare average and comprehensive**
- 17 **ratios of student services providers to students in Indiana to:**
- 18 **(1) recommended ratios made by national professional**
- 19 **organizations; and**
- 20 **(2) ratios in other states.**
- 21 **Sec. 11. Before December 31, 2017, the assessor shall report the**
- 22 **assessor's findings to the department, the division of mental health**
- 23 **and addiction, the state department of health, the state board, the**
- 24 **commission on improving the status of children, the governor, and**
- 25 **the general assembly. The report to the general assembly must be**
- 26 **in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6. The department and the**
- 27 **state board shall post the report on their Internet web sites.**
- 28 **Sec. 12. This chapter expires January 1, 2018.**

